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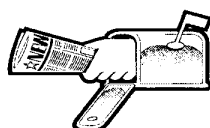
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**NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS
New Officers**

The Office of Community and Neighborhood Coordination **welcomes** new presidents of neighborhood associations and says a **special thank you** to outgoing presidents. Thank you for all your hard work and commitment to the improvement of the life-style of your neighborhood.

**Neighborhood
Association**

**“Welcome” to
Incoming Presidents**

**“Thanks” to
Outgoing Presidents**

Coors Trail
Cresvtnview Patio
La Luz Del Sol
La Luz Landowners
Parkland Hills
Tanoan East
Thomas Village Patio
Uptown
Winterwood Park

Michael J. Cadigan
Lynne Adams
Ray Graham
Bennet King
Nathan Bowles
Nancy McConnell
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E. A. Swenson
N. Lynn Perls
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Chuck Gustaveson
Emily Foor
Randy Sanchez
John Klafke

Budget Bulletin From City Council

In general, the City’s revenue outlook is good. The City budget office predicts that revenues this year, fiscal year 2001, will be about \$316.8 million or \$5.4 million higher than anticipated when the budget was adopted last year. This is a 6.3% increase over City revenues last year. For next year, the City anticipates additional revenue growth of about \$8 million.

Before we start feeling too good, however, there is also some bad news. The Mayor has submitted a mid-year appropriation bill that would spend all of the \$5.4 million in revenues this year. Most of the increased spending is for law enforcement, especially for the jail and police. There are also big over-expenditures in other departments. For instance, Sun Tran is projected to overspend its adopted budget by almost \$1 million. In all, eight City departments are projected to come in over budget this year.

The budget office predicts that City expenditures in fiscal year 2002 will be much higher, \$333 million compared to \$314 million in fiscal year 2001 or a 6% increase. With this estimate, the City would end the year with a \$10 million shortfall from the level needed to maintain a 5% operating reserve.

This forecast leads to challenges for the City Council today. First, we must decide whether we really need to spend all of the new revenue this year. We need to know whether all of the spending increases are necessary and whether we are doing everything possible to hold down costs. Another challenge is to figure out why the City’s finances are so unpredictable. Every two years the City faces another financial crisis. We must be able to plan our finances more accurately. We must institute greater financial discipline on all City departments and create mechanisms to enforce this command. City departments should not be allowed to overspend their budgets unless there is a crisis.

There are some positive challenges in fiscal year 2002. The City will open several important new facilities. The new Explora Science Center and Children’s Museum will offer a venue to stimulate the minds of Albuquerque’s children. We will also see the opening of two new police mini-substations. The mini-substaions mark an important departure from the historic approach toward policing in Albuquerque. The mini-substations will help bring policing closer to neighborhoods and begin utilizing residents as active allies in law enforcement. Of course, the new jail should help address our chronic problem with overcrowding.

VIEW FROM THE ELEVENTH FLOOR



Crime Rate Goes Down For The Fourth Year In A Row

Let me begin this month's message by thanking the men and women of the Albuquerque Police Department, the many neighborhood associations and business and community leaders for all the work they do to ensure that our crime rate continues to go down. Chief Gerald Galvin and I were proud to announce in January that our crime rate has continued to fall for the fourth year in a row.

The overall crime rate fell 4% comparing the year 2000 to 1999. That's a 17.8% drop from 1996!

Homicides down from 48 in 1999 to 33 in 2000, a 53% decrease since 1996
 Forcible rapes down 36% since 1996
 Aggravated assaults down 13%
 Robberies down 22.6%
 Burglaries down 21.2%
 Larcenies down 12%
 Motor Vehicle Thefts down a whopping 38%.

We're especially proud of the drop in vehicle thefts. Albuquerque had a nationally high rate of vehicle thefts in 1996. However, we are reversing that trend, which will hopefully result in lower insurance rates.

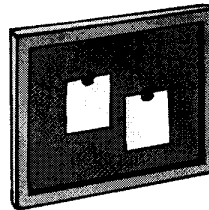
There are many reasons for the drop in the crime rate. The economy is doing well and Albuquerque has the lowest unemployment rate it has had in five years. A lot of credit, though, must be attributed to everyone involved in our community policing efforts. The officers, themselves, are instrumental in this program succeeding. The neighborhoods and business leaders are also an integral part of the program. We just couldn't continue to decrease the crime rates without everyone's involvement.

This past year, we put officers in each middle and high school, and schools have seen a dramatic decrease in crime. And, these officers serve as positive role models for the students.

There are a lot of positive things happening in Albuquerque. Thank you to each and everyone of you who have played a role in getting to where we are today.

Jim Baca, Mayor

BULLETIN BOARD News Flashes For Neighborhoods



Afraid To Walk In Your Neighborhood?

A National Crime Prevention Council survey shows, despite seven years of declining crime rates many Americans continue to feel afraid in their neighborhoods.

John A. Calhoun, NCPC's President and CEO announced that the survey found that Americans are forgetting the simple things in preventing crime such as paying attention to locks, lights, and alarms. Not enough Americans are taking basic, inexpensive precautions to reduce their immediate risk of crime.

- Nearly half the nation's homes have deadbolt locks only on the main entry door rather than all entry doors.
- Less than half the nation's homes have keyed, compared to thumb turn, window locks.
- Only one in four homes has a timer to automatically turn lights on and off when residents are away.

"Measures that reduce immediate opportunities for crime, most of which are free or inexpensive, can increase family and the individual's sense of security."

John Calhoun

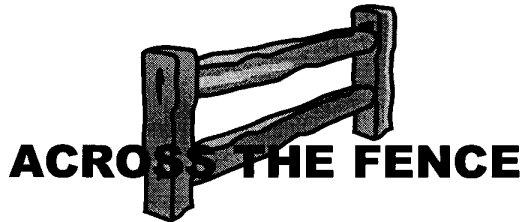
The *good news* is most of us have a neighbor who will keep an eye on our homes while we are away. Most of us agree that we need to work together with people in our neighborhood to solve common problems.

Getting involved with the community is suggested as one thing we can do to prevent crime. On the downside there is a decrease in volunteering for programs that prevent crime. Not knowing where or how to sign up is part of the problem. That means that there are many adults who could be recruited to prevent crime just by letting them know how to get involved.

Vibrant communities offer one of the best protections against crime. *There is one thing we are certain of, increased community involvement reduces both crime and fear.*

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP

News From And For Neighborhoods



News from Frank Jankowski, editor of the
PRORA NEWS (Peppertree/Royal Oak Residents Association)

Coyotes Threaten Pets

On an October morning a woman was walking her dog near the intersection of Royal Oak and Tamarac. Her walk was interrupted by the sight of a coyote with something in its mouth. The coyote heard her, dropped what it was carrying, and ran off. The object dropped was later identified as Tita, a household pet belonging to another neighbor who had been raised from a small kitten. This was a grievous loss to the family.

How can you protect your pets from coyotes? The best advice is to keep them inside. If they must be outside, accompany them, watch them whenever possible and make sure they have a safe, secure shelter to go to. Do not leave food or water dishes outside your house, they attract all kinds of unwanted creatures including coyotes.

Block Captains Spring Training Conference

"This year a scenario involving Block Captains and Neighborhood Associations will be presented by representatives from the Albuquerque Police Department. Those in attendance will then work through the scenario, coming up with possible solutions."

Debra K. Pirtle

The Albuquerque Block Captains Association is having its Annual Spring Training Conference on Saturday, March 24 at the Roger A. Hoisington Memorial Police Training Academy, located at 5412 Second Street NW.

Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. The program runs from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Debra K. Pirtle, President of ABCA, says everyone is invited to attend, refreshments will be served. For more information, call Debra at 293-3338.

APS EDUCATORS TO TEACH Not Repair Roofs

"Superintendent Allison wants to provide ways for teachers to do their "real" jobs, which is teaching in the classroom."

Ann Larowe,

Embudo Canyon N. A.

"Discipline is established by increasing academic expectations, and parents, teachers, and principals setting standards and keeping them."

Dr. Brad Allison

At a general meeting on February 8, parents, teachers and other members of the Embudo Canyon Neighborhood Association (located between Indian School Rd./Lomas and east of Tramway) heard the following in a presentation by APS Superintendent, Brad Allison:

- APS needs to increase technology in schools and prepare teachers to use it.
- APS will move to 12 clusters of schools with managers in each. One cluster will be composed of low performing schools.
- Large schools and classrooms are contributing to discipline problems.
- Employing professionals to manage budgeting, planning and maintenance will enable APS principals and administrators to return to focusing on their jobs as educators in the classroom.

According to Allison, providing the Malcolm Baldrige Incentive Program training on how to increase the overall quality of education, is key to the long term success of Albuquerque's educational system. Currently, one-third of school personnel have received training and training for the APS School Board is in the planning stage.



NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued

**FROM THE
MANAGER'S DESK**



**Neighborhood Association
Meeting Schedules**

Our office has recently received requests from Constituent Services for the schedules of Neighborhood Association Meetings. Unfortunately, most of these requests have not been received in time for their staff to attend the desired meeting. Your Neighborhood Association should submit a schedule of your regular meetings along with its annual report. We will all reap the benefits of this increased communication in the following ways:

- Having your meeting schedule will enable our office to be proactive in serving your Neighborhood Association.
- Constituent Services will also be aware of your meetings and can send their representatives to your meetings as requested or when appropriate.
- The Albuquerque Police Department can become proactive in dealing with your issues by sending the "beat officer" to your meeting and enhance your local relationship.

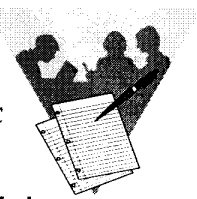
We would like to be able to produce an on-going list of Neighborhood Association meetings so we can better serve the communities within the City of Albuquerque. Please call or e-mail your meeting schedules to me at 924-3905 or <hhowell@cabq.gov>. Thanks in advance for your cooperation in this matter.



**WANTED
Star Neighborhood Reporters**

Have you been to events or meetings of interest or concern to neighborhoods that are not covered by traditional media? Does your neighborhood have a project going on to address an issue that relates to other neighborhood associations as well? Submit an article to Neighborhood News (no longer than 200 words) and become a Star Neighborhood Reporter. Call Deborah at 924-3911 for further details. We look forward to hearing from you!

**NEIGHBORHOOD
WORKSHOP CORNER**



**Free Workshops Offered by OCNC
Call 924-3914 To Register**

Neighborhood Improvement Workshop

Wednesday, 2/27, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. (light supper provided)
Do you know when to call Residential Code Services instead of Zoning Code Enforcement or the City's Police Department Code Team? Do you know what each one does and how and where to contact them? Fourteen resources are available through the City of Albuquerque at this practical workshop. *Each will explain how they can help you in addressing issues that are threatening a decline in the quality of life in your neighborhood.* Animal control, noise, graffiti, weed and litter, park programs and community mediation services are just a few of the other areas covered in this valuable Neighborhood Resources Roundtable. **You will go away with a useful Resource Guide explaining the services of each and how to get in touch with the right people to work with you on your issues.**

Problem Solving Workshop

Tuesday, 3/13, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. (light supper provided)
The perfect follow-up to the previous workshop, you will be trained to use a problem solving tool, called SARA (Scanning, Analysis, Response, Assessment), by sworn and civilian personnel from the Albuquerque Police Department. The process will teach you how to determine what the underlying causes of your issues are and how to identify the appropriate resources needed and the people to partner with in order to effectively address the issues that concern your neighborhood.

**Facilitative Leadership and Participation Skills -
Get The Most Out Of Your Neighborhood Meetings**

Saturday, 3/24, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (snacks, bring a sandwich)
Learn to use facilitative skills at neighborhood meetings to get agreement on important neighborhood issues. Buy-in is important to successful results. The workshop will emphasize the facilitative role that participants and leaders play in keeping the meeting moving along. Neighborhood Leaders, Presidents, Committee Chairs and Volunteers will gain valuable skills in making meetings productive. Taught by trained and skilled neighborhood leaders who have been or are involved with the Community Oriented Policing Neighborhood Education Team (COP-NET).

**All of the above workshops will be held at
Plaza del Sol, 600 Second Street NW,
Basement, Hearing Room.**

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued

COMMUNITY POLICING
ON THE MOVE



Las Placitas Speeding Project To Be Chaired By
Middle School Student

"I experienced a close encounter with a speeding driver in Las Placitas. I want to feel and have other people feel safe walking through or crossing streets in my neighborhood."

Lane Luper

Neighborhoods, are you missing the boat when it comes to involving youth in your community policing efforts? Las Placitas Home Owners Association, located, near Cibola High School, recently held an informational meeting entitled "Do You Want To Live In A Million Dollar Neighborhood?" A pleasant surprise occurred at the end of a presentation given on a Neighborhood Speeding Pledge Campaign designed to stamp out speeding by neighborhood residents. Twelve year old Lane Luper, a sixth grade student at Taylor Ranch Middle School, stepped up to the plate and volunteered to chair a campaign for his neighborhood.

Lane will be working with the Home Owners Association Board, presenting a plan on involving other youth in recruiting people to take the pledge. Prizes are to be awarded.

Are you aware that youth and children are the most likely group to volunteer? Are you aware they are the least likely group to be asked?

Consider having a Neighborhood Speeding Pledge Campaign presentation made to your neighborhood inviting youth and children to attend. (Select a time and day that are appropriate for school aged children/youth).

Who knows, this may be the perfect opportunity to get some different people active in your neighborhood association.

Call Patricia at 924-3912.



NEIGHBORHOOD
FAQ'S

(frequently asked questions)

Question: Is there a limit to how many garage sales my neighbor can hold?

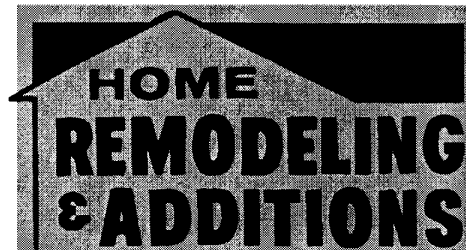
Answer: Each home in an R-1 area may have a garage sale or yard sale once every twelve months. The sale may not exceed three days in length and only normally accumulated household goods may be sold. Only one non-illuminated sign, not more than six square feet in area, may be located on the premises where the sale is being held during the period of the sale. No off-site sales may be located in public right-of-way medians or on utility poles.

Question: What rules govern landscaping in a single-family neighborhood?

Answer: Single-family homes built after October 1995, must meet water conservation standards which limit the amount and type of plants and grass used. The City's anti-pollen ordinance, enforced by the Environmental Health Department, controls the types of trees which can be planted after 1992.

Question: When is a building permit necessary for a remodeling or building project in our neighborhood?

Answer: Most fix-up or remodeling projects require a building permit as do fences. Some of the most obvious projects are visible from the street, e.g., carports, walls, fences, garage conversions, etc. The only way to be sure whether a building is needed is to call the Residential Building Permit Section at 924-3955 with a description of the project. (If a building permit has been obtained, it should be posted so that it is clearly visible from the front of the house.) If you are trying to determine whether a permit has been obtained for a project in the neighborhood, call the Residential Building Permit Section with the address where the work is taking place. They can tell you if a permit has been issued and the scope of work covered by the permit.





Contacting The Council

Council staff may be reached at **768-3100**. The agenda for an upcoming council meeting may be checked by calling 768-3100 after 1 p.m. on the Friday immediately prior to the council meeting. Council fax number is **768-3227**.

Council now has a web site. The address is: <http://www.cabq.gov> where you will find information including meeting agendas, minutes and action items, district maps and rules of procedure.

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued

Able Neighborhood Volunteers Advise Neighborhood News

Over the next few months, watch for changes in the Neighborhood News. Ideas for improvements to better meet the needs of neighborhoods are coming from neighborhood volunteers Debbie Foster, Mary Lou Spells, and Lanny Tanning.

Thank you Debbie, Mary Lou and Lanny for your input.

**You Don't Have To Move
To Live In A Better
Neighborhood.**

Who Do You Need To Call? Not Ghostbusters

Find out from the Jefferson Cluster Youth Action Program who to call when you have a problem. Their "Who Wants To Live In A Million Dollar Neighborhood?" game show is part of the GOV 16 program shown below. Along with representatives from several city departments, who also provide information and answer questions, this is an information packed program that can be useful in assisting you in deciding who you need to call when there is a problem in your neighborhood.

The Million Dollar Neighborhood Cable Program, sponsored by COP-NET (Community Oriented Policing Neighborhood Education Team) will be shown in February on the 22nd at 7:30 p.m., the 28th at 7:00 p.m. and in March on the 7th at 7:30 p.m., the 16th at 8:00 p.m., and the 21st at 8:30 p.m on GOV 16.

Ideas For Neighborhoods

Support Violence Prevention Curriculum in schools.

Set up and supervise space where teens can gather.

Hold birthday parties by month for neighborhood children, youth and seniors.

Hold neighborhood holiday parties. Kids help plan and participate in the event.

Hold a contest for a neighborhood T-shirt design with logo.



Developing Resources For Your Neighborhood Association

Free Trees For Neighborhoods!

Tree New Mexico's Community Initiative Program is offering New Mexico Olive trees available for pick up in March on a first come, first serve basis.

The trees must be planted in public areas only (boulevards, open spaces, road sides, etc.). Tree New Mexico will also help with maintenance and planting instructions and project support. For more information call Pat or Amy at **265-4554** as soon as possible.



**ANY PART OF THIS NEWSLETTER MAY BE
REPRODUCED. WE ASK ONLY THAT YOU
SITE THE SOURCE. THANK YOU.**

GOV 16 SCHEDULE

March 2001 – GOV TV Cable Channel 16 PROGRAM SCHEDULE				CITY/COUNTY VIDEO BULLETIN ON AIR BEFORE AND AFTER REGULAR PROGRAMS		
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
8 AM – COUNTY COMMISSION, OR UTPPB REPLAYS	6 AM & NOON - CITY COUNCIL REPLAYS OR CURRENT EVENTS AND FEATURES	6 AM & NOON - COUNTY COMMISSION REPLAYS OR CURRENT EVENTS AND	6 AM & NOON - COUNTY COMMISSION (REPLAY OF TUESDAY	8 AM & NOON - CITY COUNCIL REPLAYS OR CURRENT EVENTS AND FEATURES	6 AM & NOON - COUNTY COMMISSION OR POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION	8 AM – CITY COUNCIL REPLAYED OR CURRENT EVENTS AND FEATURES
4 PM – CITY JOB LINE 6 PM – CURRENT EVENTS AND	5 PM – CITY COUNCIL LIVE OR REPLAYED	FEATURES 5 PM – COUNTY COMMISSION LIVE OR	NIGHT OR CURRENT EVENTS AND FEATURES	6 PM – GOV PROGRAM GUIDE 6:30 PM - CURRENT	REPLAYED OR CURRENT EVENTS AND FEATURES 10 PM -	6 PM – ALBUQ. MUSEUM PRESENTS LO MADURO DE LA CULTURA
FEATURES 9 PM – METRO ROAD REPORT		REPLAYED	6 PM – GOV PROGRAM GUIDE 6:30 PM - CURRENT	EVENTS AND FEATURES 10 PM – CITY COUNCIL REPLAYED OR	MEETING REPLAYS OR SPECIAL EVENTS	
	CITY COUNCIL LIVE, 1 ST AND 3 RD MONDAYS	ELUA AND BCC ZONING MEETINGS LIVE ON THE THIRD TUES.	EVENTS AND FEATURES 10 PM – CITY JOB LINE	SPECIAL EVENTS		
		BEGINNING AT 2 PM				

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

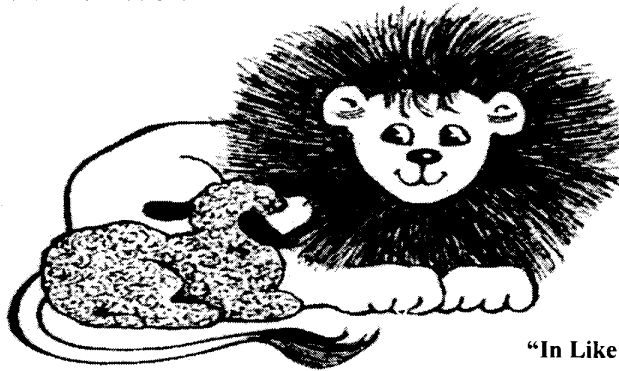
February

- 19 President's Day, **CITY OFFICES CLOSED.**
- 20 Greater Albuquerque Recreational Trails Committee (GARTC) Meeting,
4:30 p.m., locations vary, call **768-5308.**
- 21 Zoning Hearing Examiner (ZHE), 9 a.m., Council/Commission Chambers.
- 21 Pre-hearing for Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) March cases, 1:30 p.m.,
Planning Conference Room, Third Floor, Plaza del Sol Building.
- 21 City Council Meeting, 5 p.m., Council/Commission Chambers.
- 21 **District 4** Coalition Meeting, 7 p.m., Cherry Hills Library, 6901 Barstow NE.
- 21 **District 5** Coalition Meeting, 7 p.m., St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 5301 Ponderosa NE.
- 26 Finance and Government Operating Committee, 5 p.m., Council Committee Room,
9th Floor, Room 9081.
- 27 Extraterritorial Land Use Authority (ELUA), 2 p.m., Council/Commission Chambers.
- 27 "Neighborhood Improvement Workshop" presented by Office of Community and
Neighborhood Coordination (OCNC) 6 - 9 p.m., Plaza del Sol Basement Hearing Room,
600 Second Street NW. Call **924-3912** for more information.
- 28 Transit Advisory Board Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Sun Van Conference Room.
- 28 Land Use, Planning and Zoning, 5 p.m., Council Committee Room.

MARCH CALENDAR

MARCH

- 1** **District 7 Coalition**, 7 p.m., Grant Middle School, 1111 Easterday NE.
- 1** **North Valley Coalition**, 7 p.m., Los Griegos Community Center, 1231 Candelaria NW.
- 5, 19** City Council Meeting, 5 p.m., Council Commission Chambers.
- 7** Extraterritorial Land Use Commission (**ELUC**), 9 a.m., Council/Commission Chambers.
- 7** Advisory Committee on Transit for the Mobility Impaired, 9:30 a.m., Sun Van Conference Room, 601 Yale SE.
- 7** **Westside Coalition**, 7 p.m., LBJ Middle School, 6811 Taylor Ranch Rd. NW.
- 8** Police Oversight Commission, 4 - 7 p.m., City/County Building, Lower Level, One Civic Plaza, at 5th and Marquette.
- 12** Greater Albuquerque Bicycling Advisory Committee (**GABAC**) 4:30 p.m., Room 302, Old City Hall, call **768-2680** for more information.
- 12, 26** Finance and Government Operations Committee, 5 p.m., Council Committee Room, 9th floor, Room 9081.
- 13** Board of Appeals, 9 a.m., Plaza del Sol Basement Hearing Room, 600 Second Street NW.
- 13** "Problem Solving Workshop" presented by the Office of Community and Neighborhood Coordination (**OCNC**) 6 - 9 p.m., Plaza del Sol Basement Hearing Room, 600 Second Street NW. Call **924-3912** for information.
- 14** Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission (**LUCC**), 3 p.m., Plaza del Sol Basement Hearing Room, 600 Second Street NW.
- 14, 22** Land Use, Planning and Zoning (**LUPZ**), 5 p.m., Council Committee Room.
- 15** Environmental Planning Commission (**EPC**), 8 a.m., all day public hearing, Plaza del Sol Basement Hearing Room, 600 Second Street NW, current land use issues.
- 20** Greater Albuquerque Recreational Trails Committee (**GARTC**), 4:40 p.m., locations vary, call **768-5308** for more information.
- 21** Environmental Planning Commission (**EPC**), 1:30 p.m., Pre-hearing, Planning Conference Room, Third Floor, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second Street NW.
- 21** Pre-Hearing for Environmental Planning Commission (**EPC**), April cases, 1:30 p.m., Planning Conference Room, Third Floor, Plaza del Sol Building.
- 21** **District 4 Coalition**, 7 p.m., Cherry Hills Library, 6901 Barstow NE.
- 22** **District 8 Coalition**, 7 p.m., Bear Canyon Senior Center, 4645 Pitt NE.
- 24** "Facilitative Leadership and Participation Skills Workshop" presented by the Office of Community and Neighborhood Coordination (**OCNC**) 9 - 3:30 p.m., Plaza del Sol Basement Hearing Room, 600 Second Street NW. Call **924-3912** for more information.
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- 28** Zoning Hearing Examiner (**ZHE**), 9 a.m., Council Commission Chambers.
- 28** Transit Advisory Board, 1:30 p.m., Sun Van Conference Room. Call John at **764-6121** for more information.



"In Like A Lion, Out Like A Lamb."

Northwest, con't.

Z-01110-00000-00125, Project # 1001033

Common Grounds

Approximately 0.38 acre located north of Montano Road NW, east of Guadalupe NW; F-14; Van Gilbert at 247-9955, agent for Marty Saiz; Requests a zone map amendment from RA-1 to O-1. Debbie Stover at 924-3940.

Southeast

Z-01110-00000-0120, Z-01128-00000-00121, Project # 100103

Four Hills MHP, Willow Wood

Approximately 40.7 acres located east of Eubank SE between Southern SE and KAFB; M-21; Consensus Planning at 764-9801, agent for Science & Technology Park Development Corp.; Requests approval of a master development plan plus a zone map amendment from SU-1 for IP to IP. Debbie Stover at 924-3940.

Z-01128-00000-00122, Z-01128-00000-00123, Project # 1000313;

Executive Hills, Hidden Valley

Approximately 11 acres located on the north side of Hidden Valley Dr. SE between Sagewood SE and Fennel SE; L-22; Mark Goodwin at 828-2200, agent for VASA development; Requests approval of site development plans for subdivision purposes and for building permit on land zoned SU-1 for PRD. Loretta Naranjo-Lopez at 924-3896.

Southwest

No new cases this month

***The Environmental Planning Commission
meeting on these cases will be held on Thursday, March 15 at 8:00 a.m.***

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Alan Schwartz, Vice Chair; Larry Chavez, Chuck Gara, Susan Johnson,
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Attention Agents/Developers:

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CITY SCOOP

News From City Departments



Planning

PROJECT UPDATES

Update of Zoning Code Format Underway

Work is underway to reformat the Comprehensive City Zoning Code. The Planning Department is researching options to make the Zoning Code more understandable and easier to use. There is particular interest in adding a Table of Contents along with other improvements that will facilitate navigation within the document. Other considerations include the re-establishment of a Preface or Introduction that explains the purpose of the Zoning Code and its relationship to other planning documents like the Comprehensive Plan.

This effort will focus on the appearance of the text and will likely include supplementary elements. There is no intention to formally amend the Zoning Code or modify its content. If you want to find out more about this project, contact **Leigh Matthewson** with the **Advance Planning & Urban Design Division** at 924-3358.

Transit



Kids in Motion is a two-hour interactive program that educates future commuters about pollution in the environment while

promoting the use of alternative transportation. Transit's educational coordinators visit elementary classrooms on a daily basis. Upon the conclusion of a Kids in Motion presentation, students are given the opportunity to draw a picture of what they learned. These pictures are then entered into a contest that allows all participants to compete. The winners are honored at the Annual Kids in Motion Art Contest Reception to be held this year in April. Their artwork is displayed on bus boards. They are honored at a reception attended by their families and classmates. They also receive plaques and T-shirts. Teachers interested in having a Kids in Motion presentation and making their students eligible for the contest, should call **243-RIDE**.

Mayor's ACT Now Club Breakfast



On Wednesday, January 31, 2001, Mayor Jim Baca recognized the businesses and organizations in Albuquerque that have partnered with the City of Albuquerque Transit Department's ACT Now (Alternative Commute Transportation Now) program. Businesses such as Wells Fargo Bank, Lovelace Hospital, PNM, Intel, and the University of New Mexico were among many organizations that attended the breakfast. On behalf of the City of Albuquerque, Mayor Baca presented the companies with a Certificate of Appreciation for their efforts toward improving the quality of life in Albuquerque

and assisting in preserving the air quality of our city. This employer-based program seeks the participation of both large and small employers in Albuquerque. The message that ACT Now sends is simple, use an alternative mode of transportation such as riding the bus, carpooling, bicycling, or walking and save money. Employers that participate in this program actively promote and encourage the use of alternative transportation to their employees. ACT Now partners have done an excellent job in offering incentives to their employees. These incentives make using alternative transportation a viable option of getting to and from work. For example, Lovelace Hospital offers a free monthly bus pass to any employee who wishes to ride the bus to work. Any individual who is employed by a company that has signed an ACT Now Agreement is able to purchase discounted monthly bus passes. If you would like to learn more about the ACT Now program, please call Anthony Romero at **764-8912**.

Transit Seeks Advisory Board Members

If you would like an active voice in advising the Transit Department, the Transit Advisory Board may be for you. The Mayor, with the advice and consent of the City Council, appoints members of the 12 member board. Appointments are for three years. Members must be residents of the City of Albuquerque and be able to attend the monthly meetings. The current board meets from 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month, except in November and December. The public is always invited. If you are interested in being considered for an appointment to the Transit Advisory Board, please send a brief letter of interest and a resume to Transit Advisory Board, c/o Anne Watkins, Director, 601 Yale SE, Albuquerque, 87106. You may also send it by e-mail to jparkar@cabq.gov.

CITY SCOOP continued

APD Crime Prevention



Graffiti continues to be a source of frustration and concern for the residents of Albuquerque. The City of Albuquerque and the Albuquerque Police Department are committed to apprehending and prosecuting the offenders as well as helping to remove this unsightly destruction of property. We cannot address this problem alone.

Graffiti Removal Services spends \$600,000 a year to cover up the vandalism of graffiti. \$50,000 alone is used just for paint.

What can you do to help?

- ◆ Report all graffiti vandalism in public areas to the Solid Waste Management Department, Graffiti Hotline at 768-4725.
- ◆ Report vandals to Crime Stoppers at 843-STOP.
- ◆ If you suspect gang markings, contact your local Police Substation or take a picture prior to removing.
- ◆ Remove all graffiti markings within 24 hours. If markings appear the next day, remove promptly.
- ◆ Clean up often has to be done again and again, but be patient and more persistent than the vandals.
- ◆ Contact property owners of their individual responsibilities to remove graffiti in a timely manner.
- ◆ Coat surfaces with special paint products that prohibit spray paint from sticking.
- ◆ Organize a community clean up. This is a great way to foster positive community activity helping to improve the value and image of your neighborhood.

The presence of graffiti in a neighborhood can increase resident's fear about their safety and reduce property values. Its presence can also signify to criminals that residents don't care about their neighborhood.

Public Works/Water Conservation



Part Three

The primary mission of the City's Water Quality Laboratory (WQL) is to provide data on a day-to-day basis to plant operation staff. The City's Industrial Pretreatment Section, the City's Environmental Health Department, and even the City's Zoo!

The Lab performs approximately 110 monthly tests pertaining to plant performance. Half of these provide Quality Assurance/Quality Control information. Plant operation staff uses analytical results to determine how effectively plant equipment is operating.

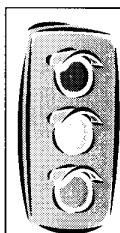
WQL Tests Per Year

Industrial Samples	12,000+
Compost Samples	3,000+
Public Works and	
U. S. Geological Survey	75,000

The WQL does not analyze samples from private citizens, but does analyze the water from the City's water system. Information regarding the City's water quality is available to the public in a report mailed out to City residents annually. Anyone interested can check the report along with additional information on the City's web site at:

<www.cabq.gov/waterquality>

This is the third part of a continuing series on how the City's Wastewater Utilities Division works for customers, and how the community can help conserve and preserve our environment.



•Red Alert
Mandatory No-Burn
•Yellow Alert
Voluntary No-Burn
•Green
OK to Burn

Environmental Health - Air Quality Division

We're almost there! The Burn/No-Burn season is almost over. The last day falls on February 28. But, we can't relax just yet. Until the last day, please pay close attention to air quality alerts.

Important Numbers

Burn/No-Burn
768-2876
En Espanol
768-4732
Air Quality Info. Line
766-7664
Air Care Hotline
247-2273

CITY SCOOP continued

Police Oversight Commission

Independent Review Office (IRO) Duties

Receives, reviews, and investigates all citizen complaints involving Albuquerque Police officers.

Police Oversight Commission (POC) Duties

1. Oversees IRO
2. Hears appeals from citizens who are dissatisfied with the disposition of their complaints
3. Provides a public forum for all issues involving Albuquerque Police Department

Citizen Complaint Process

Citizens wishing to file a complaint, will find forms at:

- All police substations
- Public libraries
- Homeless shelters

In lieu of a form:

- Put the complaint in writing
- Describe what happened
- Include date and time of the event
- Identify the physical location
- Include names and telephone number of any witnesses

Take the form to the Independent Review Office Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The office is located at 500 Copper NW, Room 323. Free parking is available on the west side of the building, or you may mail your complaint to the Internal Review Office, PO Box 1293, Albuquerque, 87103. For further information call 764-3275.

Citizen complaints involving Albuquerque police officers are:

- Processed at the IRO
- Investigated by APD Internal Affairs
- Reviewed by the IRO

The process takes from 60 to 90 days. The citizen who filed the complaint will then receive a dispositional letter from the Chief of Police.



HISTORY

May 1998 - Police Oversight Task Force suggests replacing the Public Safety Advisory Board and the Independent Council who worked with the Board.

January 1999 - Police Oversight Ordinance replaces the Public Safety Advisory Board and the Independent Council with the Independent Review Office and the Police Oversight Commission.

Police Oversight Commission meetings are the second Thursday of the month at 4:00 p.m. and are held at City/County Building, Lower Level, One Civic Plaza NW, 5th and Marquette NW.

Police Oversight Commission

Hart J. Guenther, Chair

Jennie Luck

Jill Marron

Lino E. Martinez

Anthony Montoya

Sigrid E. Olson

Fred Ward

Ann Steinmetz, Independent Review Chair

Is your neighborhood association interested in having a presentation made by the IRO or POC. Both organizations are available to attend and make presentation to your neighborhood association. Call them at 764-3275, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.



Solid Waste

The Solid Waste Management Department will have regular garbage service on Monday, February 19, 2001, President's Day. For further information call the Solid Waste Management Department at 761-8100. TTY users may call any number listed through Relay New Mexico at 1-800-659-8331 or reach them on the web at:

<www.cabq.gov/SolidWaste>

CITY SCOOP continued

Parks And Recreation



Lifeguard Job Training and Certification

The Aquatics Division of Parks and Recreation offers the American Red Cross Life Guarding Course to anyone 15 years of age and older. Certification is necessary for employment. To apply, you do not have to be certified, just enrolled in an upcoming class:

Sandia Pool 7801 Candelaria NE 291-6239

February 15-March 29 T/Th 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
February 19-April 4 M/ W 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Highland Pool 400 Jackson SE 256-2096

March 1-April 12 T/Th 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
April 9- May 21 M/W 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
April 8-14 Spring Break TBA

Valley Pool 1505 Candelaria NW 761-4086

Feb 20-April 3 T/Th 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
April 2-May 14 M/ W 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

CPR and First Aid are included in the course. Cost for the class is \$31.50. Books are extra. You must be 15 years of age to participate. To register for one of the scheduled classes, call the pool Monday through Friday between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. or Saturday and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. For more information, call **857-8640** Monday through Friday.



Upcoming Registration Dates

Youth Slow Pitch	February 5 – March 30
Summer Softball	February 12 – March 9
Baseball	February 12 – March 30
Summer Swim Lessons	April 21 – continuous

Call 857-8640 for more information.

Become A Park Volunteer And Let's Take Ownership Of Our Parks



The City's Park Management Division has implemented a new program called "Park Volunteers" designed for the individual who is concerned about the City's park system. We are looking for volunteers who want to "take ownership for their local parks" and can be Park Management's "eyes, ears, and hands" while in the parks.

Park Volunteers must attend an orientation to become familiar with rules, regulations, and operations of the Park Management Division.

Requirements For Volunteers

- ✓ 21 years of age or older
- ✓ Have access to a telephone
- ✓ Agree to abide by all Park Management guidelines
- ✓ Be polite, courteous, and non-confrontational
- ✓ Promote the Park Volunteer Program to other park visitors
- ✓ Help in improving the parks such as making play areas safe for children, gardening of landscaped areas, and minor maintenance of park equipment

If you are interested in becoming a Park Volunteer, call Paul Willems at **857-8697**.

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If you have a disability and will need special assistance to benefit from any of the meetings, hearings, or workshops, etc. appearing in this newsletter, contact the office sponsoring the event two weeks prior to the date of the meeting you plan to attend. Whenever possible, TTY phone numbers will be listed.

TTY users may call any phone number listed in this publication via Relay New Mexico at 1-800-659-8331.

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